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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Petroleum Shortages in North Vietnam

1. This memorandum is for your information. It results from Walt Rostow's call to you about an item on petroleum shortages in North Vietnam which appeared in the Current Intelligence Bulletin of 30 November (Tab A).

2. Although it is possible that the item could have been more felicitously worded, our review of the evidence subsequent to Rostow's call indicates that the basic judgment was sound.

3.

As to the overall petroleum situation, there is a complete lack of evidence pointing to a general shortage in the North Vietnamese stock of petroleum. Although our bombing certainly has complicated the North Vietnamese petroleum situation, these local shortages cannot be attributed, exclusively or even primarily, to our bombing. Attached (Tab B) is a detailed exposition of the reasons for these judgments.

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Tab A
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